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Subject: Letter from ATF

Apparently-To: <butterb@sagenet.net>

Below is a letter that most of you have already seen, this letter is a complaint against ATF Agent Bart McEntire, following this letter is a response I received from Bart's boss, Richard Fox, Special Agent in Charge.

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Department of the Treasury

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

101 Marietta Street

Suite 406

Atlanta, Georgia 30303

May 28, 1996

Attn: Richard Fox

Dear Sir:

During my investigation of the Macon, Georgia, case involving Robert Starr, many interesting facts have been discovered. My investigation leads me to believe that the only persons guilty of any crimes were the confidential informants, and possibly the agent in charge of these CIs.

I have interviewed many witnesses in this case, I can find no criminal

acts committed by the defendants. In an internal ATF Status Report, dubbed "Operation Piedmont," leaked by one of your agents, there are many inconsistencies in CI 62 and 63's testimony, some dates are wrong, and much of their report seems to be amateurishly fabricated. This document also [implicates] ATF, by clearly showing an intent to target a specific group of individuals based on their beliefs.

There is also taped conversation between Agent McEntire and militia members that is very damaging to the agency and will show that McEntire seems to have an agenda against militia members.

In one audio tape, during a pretrial hearing at the federal court house. Bart McEntire, Resident Agent in Charge, BATF, Macon, was recorded, talking to a militia member from South Alabama. This militiaman was speaking calmly to McEntire, asking him about the Waco case. Mr. McEntire became highly upset, advanced towards this person, saying in a loud voice, "You're about to fucking piss me off!" This is recorded on tape, and other witnesses will testify to this altercation.

I feel this agent is dangerous to anyone he may target, and further ask that your agency fully investigate this case and Bart McEntire. If this man is allowed to continue to operate in the capacity of Resident Agent in Charge, I feel he will cause further embarrassment to your agency, and also cause undue hardships to any person he may target for investigation.

I am formally requesting an immediate investigation into the Starr case and the actions of Bart McEntire.

Sincerely,

Jeff Randall

Route 1 Box 182

Gallant, Alabama 35972

cc: Robert Browning (BATF Public Information Officer)

Bart McEntire (Resident Agent in Charge, Macon)

Department of the Treasury, Internal Affairs, Washington DC

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Below is response to above letter from BATF

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Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

101 Marietta Street, NW, Suite 406

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June 7, 1996

Mr. Jeff Randall

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Dear Mr. Randall:

This letter is in reply to your correspondence of May 28, 1996, regarding a conversation between ATF Agent Bart McEntire of our Macon office and a South Alabama militia member. While it is regrettable that the context of your letter is of a negative nature, I appreciate your willingness to share your concerns with me.

Upon review, I have forwarded a copy of your letter to the ATF Office of Inspection. As you may know, the Office of Inspection is charged with the responsibility of addressing allegations of ethical and/or professional indiscretions by ATF employees.

Again, I thank you for sharing your concerns with me. Please know that you are welcome to contact me at any time should you have questions or concerns regarding ATF, our employees or mission.

Sincerely,

<signed>

Richard C. Fox

Special Agent in Charge

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From: CopWatch@aol.com

Date: Wed, 12 Jun 1996 15:48:21 -0400

Subject: Commentary on ATF and Macon

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I have obtained transcripts of a recent ATF meeting, at which a senior official in the Treasury Department states that when ATF testifies in court, many times their testimony may not be true. I know this is not surprising to all of you, including me, but, we now have ATF [agents] stating, in their own meetings, that they sometimes provide false information to the courts. This is not the only thing that is very detrimental to the Treasury in this document.... It's chock full of goodies against this agency.

Before any of you ask, I cannot release this document to the public yet, due to certain legal reasons, and protection of my "friends" inside the ATF. However, I'm sure it will make its way into the public arena, before too long.

Also, let me say, that the patriot movement needs to be cautious at painting all federal law enforcement as bad people. In the last month, I have learned that there are some agents who are good people, and are actively working to expose the corruption inside their own agencies. Some are working with me and providing tremendous help and documentation on the Starr case. Any of you that may want to call me a "fed" or "CIA Operative," due to this statement, then feel free to, but you will not be accusing me of anything new. Currently, according to a few in the movement, I am an agent provocateur, I'm taking money like a gentleman in South Dakota did, and the latest and greatest thing: I'm working as a CIA spook.

This brings me to another topic, the Bob Starr case. Some of the people in this movement have been getting their feelings hurt over the lack of information that the defense team has been making public, many have gone as far to accuse the whole damn team, including Bob Starr, as working directly for the government. One of the funnier ones came from a well known person in this movement, this person has accused Attorney Nancy Lord of working directly for Israeli intelligence Mossad (since she's Jewish). Many of these Morris Dees' poster children have spewed their accusations, but have yet to attend any function (pre-trial hearings - town hall rally) that the defense team and supporters have been at. They cite their reasoning by saying, "They must be bad, because I don't understand everything that's going on," yet they still refuse to be part of what's happening in Macon. They are worried about the personal lives of J.J. Johnson and Nancy Lord, but yet they have not witnessed the many hours of work that these people have spent on Starr's case.... hell.... they haven't even called the Starr family and offered a word of support.

So, to all of you who are fully intent on furthering the government's and Dees' cause, please take me off of your e-mail lists, your phone lists and fax lists. I have no desire to communicate with you. If you are merely pissed because we will not release all our evidence in the case, well, it's not because we don't like you, it's because we don't trust you. Ya'll have no comprehension of investigation, court proceedings... and most of all, there is no way you select few I speak of could ever keep anything quiet.

For the many of you that have offered support, whether you have sent money, attended functions, or simply called to offer support, we really appreciate you.

Bob Starr did want me to tell everyone one thing. There has been a man at many of the court proceedings in Macon, named Frank Smith. Frank lives in Bolingbroke, Ga. He has been making a royal ass of himself to the media. Frank was booted out of Bob's group because of his radical ideas. Frank has made statements to the press that are totally against the militia movement and Bob Starr. I can only suspect that he is actively working for some agency in an attempt to hurt public opinion of Mr. Starr. Bob wanted me to tell all of you that Frank Smith does not speak for the Militia of Georgia. Period. If any of you are wondering who this man is, then show up at the next court date... he will be the one who is ranting like a mad man to anyone that will listen..... the press absolutely loves him. I refuse to deny him of his right to free speech, however, I will set the record straight with the press, and inform them that he does not speak for the militia.

In closing, again, thanks to all of you who have continued your support of this case. We appreciate you for keeping it in the public eye, also, let me thank those people on the "inside" who have helped and are continuing to help. This is probably the biggest case to ever come about concerning the militia and Constitutional Rights. As I have said before, if this case is lost, then everyone in the movement should immediately go underground or give up, because they will be coming for you shortly.

Jeff

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